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SUBJECT: SPHINX PROJECT; SURVEY OF DISSIDENT SLAVIC ELEMENTS IN
BERLIN.

1. This is the first of a series of reports designated as the SPHINX PROJECT. Source is expected to conduct a comprehensive survey of all existing dissident Slav groups in the Berlin area. The survey is expected to seek and point out to us, dissident group leaders who are suited to become sources for providing counter-intelligence information. The survey is further expected to unmask possible dissident groups who are actually serving as cover for the Soviet IS.

2. Source arrived by plane from Munich on 21 November 1946, and is quartered in a comfortable room with a private family on Schildhornstrasse 66, c/o O. Zuechner, Berlin/Steglitz (American Sector). From the security point of view this is a better arrangement than a hotel. Source turned all his identity papers over to AB 57, but was allowed to retain one press card which bears his assumed name. Identity papers, food, clothing, and whatever administrative detail he may require are being furnished to him.

3. No attempt will be made to 'legalize' source's existence in Berlin. To do so would entail the fabrication of papers at some place, say Munich, and having them registered with some insecure German bureau in Berlin. In lieu thereof, source will be given enough identity cover that will reasonably protect him in all but the Russian Sector of Berlin. He will be instructed to act with circumspection in the Russian Sector.

4. Source was de-briefed on his specific mission in Berlin by AB 57 in order to (a) orient his activities in Berlin, and (b) in order to determine whether he fully understands his instructions as given by AB 102.

5. Source stated that his general instructions were as follows: To seek out among the Russian Emigre circles: (a) Former emigres who are employed as Soviet agents, (b) Double agents used by the Soviets and Americans, and (c) Outstanding people who could be used as counter-espionage informants. In addition, source will concentrate his attention on the following targets: (a) Churches and church circles, (b) Russian libraries and restaurants, (c) Youth activities among White Russians, (d) The remnants of White Russian military organizations and (e) Various White Russian people.

6. Source stated that he was specifically instructed to contact and report on Frau FECHNER (FNU), the wife of the former editor of the emigre newspaper 'NEUS WORT'. Frau FECHNER is said to be a well known German technician who had worked on V-weapons.

7. As his first task in Berlin, source will contact a Dr. Leonid Axenoff and a Dr. WALTER (FNU), whom he regards as trustworthy acquaintances among the White Russians. From these acquaintances he expects to determine the situation among Russian emigres and to find out what line to follow in order to develop

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and enlarge the scope of his work.

COMMENT:

Source's instructions, as given above, should be checked by AB 102 for possible errors of commission or omission. Source made a favorable initial impression on AB 57. An understandable nervousness of source on his arrival in Berlin was caused by his misapprehension over the extent of the 4 power control of the different sectors of the city. He was assured that there were no restrictions or controls on movement in the 4 sectors of the city. Source will prepare bi-weekly written reports, but AB 57 reserves the discretion of consolidating the reports into RIR's, basing his judgments on quality and priority of subject matter. Although it is too early to be certain, AB 57 feels that source's efforts should prove productive.

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